

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment comprising:

a server for transferring graphical and textual data to and from the establishment;

a plurality of customer terminals located in the establishment and coupled to the server for ordering items in the establishment and for interacting with others in and remote from the establishment;

at least one employee terminals coupled to the server for displaying items ordered by individuals in the establishment; and

a plurality of establishment video cameras coupled to the server for transmitting graphical images.

2. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising at least one remote computer system coupled to the server via an internet connection for allowing individuals remote from the establishment to interact with individuals in the establishment and at one of the customer terminals.

3. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of customer terminals comprises:

a video display coupled to the server; and

at least one input/output device coupled to the server for entering food/drink orders and for transmitting data to and from other individuals.

4. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the customer terminals further comprises a card reading device coupled to the server.

5. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 3 wherein the customer terminals further comprises a video camera at each customer terminal coupled to the server.

6. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 2 wherein the remote computer system comprises:

a personal computer having a processor and memory;

input/output devices coupled to the personal computer for entering data;

a graphical display coupled to the personal computer for displaying data; and

an internet connection coupled to the personal computer for connecting the personal computer to the internet.

7. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the remote computer system further comprises a web camera coupled to the personal computer for transmitting graphical images from the remote computer system.

8. A system for allowing interaction between individuals in an establishment and individuals remote from establishment in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the remote computer system further comprises a car reading device coupled to the personal computer.